

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD. _____
SERIES _____
NEG.NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Kathy Howe DATE: Sept. 1994
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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 795 Denise Road (southwest corner of Willowbrook Road)
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: James E. & Sandra E. Smallwood ADDRESS: (same) Rochester, NY 14616
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [X] No []
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [] b. stone [X] (fdn.) c. brick [] d. board and batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [] other: Masonite shingles.
Asphalt roof shingles. Rock-faced concrete block foundation at rear wing.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints []
b. wood frame with light members [X]
c. masonry load bearing walls []
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent [] b. good [X] c. fair [] d. deteriorated []
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site [X] b. moved [] if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
(see continuation sheet)
12. PHOTO: 13. MAP:

" This one has 'plusses' and 'minuses.' The pluses are obviously the front of the house with its tower and picturesque composition, the stained glass in the attic. The 'minuses' are the siding and the glassed-in porches. A 'green plus,' as the tower gives it a kind of striking 'landmark' quality."
P.Malo

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: in-ground pool, stockade type fence
j. other: _____

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☐
d. densely built-up ☒ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1880-90

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Residential

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Masonite shingles installed on exterior walls.

Aluminum cladding added at eaves.

One-story, gable-roofed, frame rear addition (early-20th-century) on rock-faced concrete block foundation.

Original porch in northwest corner has been enclosed to form a sunroom. This porch may have once extended further to the east to the center bay of the front elevation.

The enclosed, hipped-roof, northeast porch on brick piers may be an early-20th-century addition.

Modern three-light window added on west elevation at first floor.

17. This vernacular Queen Anne house is located on a .84 acre lot at the southwest corner of Denise and Willowbrook Roads in the northeast quadrant of the town. It is situated on a slight knoll with a deep setback from Denise Road. The driveway is located off of Willowbrook Road, south of the house. An early-twentieth-century, contributing frame garage is behind the house to the south. A recent wooden fence encloses a pool west of the house. The lot has some mature deciduous and coniferous trees. The surrounding neighborhood consists primarily of post World War II ranch and Cape Cod style houses. A concrete block garage building, formerly used as a bus garage by the Greece Central Schools, is located next door to this property to the south.

18. Late-nineteenth-century, cross-gabled, two and one-half story, frame house with a rock-faced ashlar foundation. One of the prominent features of this vernacular Queen Anne house is the square tower on the west side with its pyramidal roof and oculus window. Two brick chimneys extend above the main north-south roof ridge. Fenestration is generally regular and repetitive with one-over-one, double-hung wood windows.

Of special note on the east and north elevations are the cross-gabled sections with their projecting bays. It is interesting to note that the foundation beneath the bay window on the east elevation is rockfaced concrete block while the main foundation of the house is rock-faced stone, perhaps suggesting a slightly

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later date of construction for the bay window (early 1900s?). The attic window above the projecting bay on the north elevation has a multipaned border surrounding a central, single pane of glass. The original northwest porch has been enclosed to form a

sunroom and has multipaned casement windows. This porch may have once extended to the center of the front elevation. The other porch at the northeast corner may be an addition. This porch rests on brick piers and has one-over-one, double-hung windows, and a multipaned door on the east side.

An early 1900s, one-story, gable-roofed frame addition with a rock-faced, concrete block foundation projects from the rear elevation.

The contributing c. 1910s-20s three-car frame garage is side-gabled with a shed dormer at the front. The dormer has four windows, each with three panes of glass. The garage is clad in novelty siding. The original paneled garage doors with multipaned glazing in the upper part are intact.

20. Built c. 1880-90, this house is architecturally significant as a representative example of vernacular Queen Anne domestic architecture in the town of Greece. Historically, the building is significant as an example of a late-nineteenth-century farmhouse.

The steeply pitched, cross-gabled roof, asymmetrical plan, bay windows, tower, and overall picturesque massing are typical Queen Anne features. Queen Anne was the dominant style of residential architecture from about 1880 to 1910.

This house has had several changes made to it including the installation of Masonite-type siding and the enclosure of the northwest porch. Due to these and other changes it possesses only a moderate level of period architectural integrity. Removal of the modern siding and the repair of the original wood siding, if still intact, would improve the overall integrity of the building.

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A building appears on lot 14 at or near the site of the present building on the 1872 county map with the name of A. McAllister. It is unlikely that this is the same building as the present one. The Queen Anne design of the present house would most likely date it from 1880 or later. The 1902 map shows this house on a parcel which was then 42 acres and owned by Amanda A. Craft. This property appears as part of the "Willowbrook Resub." on the 1924 map indicating that much of the original acreage was subdivided for new residential development. Lewis E. Hoadley, an excavator, is listed as the property owner in the 1930 and 1938 suburban directories. Barry and Barbara Lafler sold the house to its present owners, James and Sandra Smallwood in 1992.

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Assessment Records. Assessment Office, Town of Greece, NY.

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